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The meeting was called to order at 11.30 a.m.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

The agenda was adopted.

ADMISSION OF NEW MEMBERS

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE ADMISSION OF NEW MEMBERS CONCERNING THE APPLICATIONS OF THE DEMOCRATIC PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF KOREA AND THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA FOR ADMISSION TO MEMBERSHIP IN THE UNITED NATIONS (S/22895)

The PRESIDENT (interpretation from Spanish): The Security Council will now begin its consideration of the report (S/22895) of the Committee on the Admission of New Members concerning the application of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea and the application of the Republic of Korea for admission to membership in the United Nations. Those applications appear in documents S/22777 and S/22778, respectively.

In paragraph 3 of the report, the Committee recommends to the Security Council the adoption of a draft resolution on the application of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea for admission to membership in the United Nations and the application of the Republic of Korea for admission to membership in the United Nations. I should like to congratulate the Committee on its decision to recommend that the Democratic People's Republic of Korea and the Republic of Korea be admitted to membership in the United Nations.

In accordance with the understanding reached in prior consultations among members of the Council, I propose that the Council adopt without a vote the draft resolution contained in paragraph 3 of the report of the Committee on the Admission of New Members.

As I hear no objection, it is so decided.

(The President)

I therefore declare that the draft resolution contained in paragraph 3 of the report (S/22895) of the Committee on the Admission of New Members has been adopted without a vote as resolution 702 (1991).

I shall immediately convey the decision of the Security Council recommending the admission of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea and the Republic of Korea to membership in the United Nations to the Secretary-General for transmission to the General Assembly in accordance with the provisions of rule 60 of the provisional rules of procedure.

I shall now make a statement, in my capacity as President of the Security Council, on behalf of the members of the Council:

"By adopting resolution 702 (1991), the Security Council has taken another step towards the completion of a political process in exercise of one of the most important functions entrusted to it under the Charter of the United Nations, namely, to make recommendations to the General Assembly regarding the admission of new Members to the Organization.

"The applications of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea and the Republic of Korea have been considered and unanimously adopted by the Security Council. The aspirations of the peoples and Governments of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea and the Republic of Korea have harmoniously coincided. That is why the Security Council decided to consider and take a simultaneous decision on the admission of both parts of the Korean Peninsula to membership in the world Organization.

"This is a historic occasion for the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, the Republic of Korea, the Asian continent and the world community of nations.

(The President)

"There can be no doubt that the Security Council's recommendation to the General Assembly advances and underscores the Organization's goal of universality. I am certain that, as new Members of our Organization, the Democratic People's Republic of Korea and the Republic of Korea will contribute positively to efforts to enhance the effectiveness of the work of the United Nations and strengthen respect for its purposes and principles.

"The admission of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea and the Republic of Korea will also reduce tensions in the region, create a favourable atmosphere for and facilitate the promotion of confidence-building measures in their bilateral relations and provide them with an appropriate forum in which to consider the many things they have in common and to overcome the few remaining obstacles to their unification.

"We have recently seen how countries that were once adversaries have found the necessary strength to put aside their differences in favour of their shared interest in promoting the well-being of their peoples and of the world in general. We are living in an age in which mankind seems to be regaining its senses. We can begin the next millennium in a more optimistic spirit. In the positive atmosphere resulting from the end of the cold war, we note with great satisfaction a new manifestation of constructive understanding: the recommendation, adopted by the Security Council, that the Democratic People's Republic of Korea and the Republic of Korea become Members of the world Organization.

(The President)

"I wish to conclude by saying that, in my capacity as President of the Council and on behalf of all its members, I am on this historic occasion deeply honoured to address these words of congratulation to the Democratic People's Republic of Korea and to the Republic of Korea."

There being no other speakers, I take it that the Council has concluded its consideration of the matter before it.

The meeting rose at 11.35 a.m.